

CHAPTER XIX.

An Act proposing an amendment to Article nine of the Constitution of the State by adding thereto a new section authorizing an increase of the public debt for certain special purposes. March 4, 1871.

- SUMMARY 1.** Amendment to Article nine (9) of the Constitution. For the purpose of increasing the public debt—in what amount.
2. Amendment to be submitted to a vote of the people at the next general election—the votes to be canvassed and returned as by law provided—when Governor to make proclamation.
3. Ballots how prepared.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The following amendment of the constitution of the state is hereby proposed for publication and approval or rejection by the people, that is to say: Article nine of the constitution shall be amended by adding thereto a new section to be the fourteenth section of said article, which new section shall read as follows, viz :

Sec. 14. For the purposes of erecting buildings for a hospital for insane, deaf, dumb and blind asylum, and state prison, the legislature may, by law, increase the public debt of state to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the public debt already heretofore authorized, and for that purpose may provide by law for issuing and negotiating the bonds of the state, and appropriate the money only for the purposes aforesaid, which bonds shall be payable in not less than ten nor more than thirty years from the date of the same at the option of the state.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the next general election occurring after the passage of this act, and the qualified electors of the state in their respective districts may at such elections vote by ballot

For the purpose of increasing the public debt—in what amount.

To be submitted to a vote of the people—how canvassed—when Governor to issue proclamation

for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time, and such votes canvassed and the result thereof declared, in the manner provided by law, with reference to the election of members of congress; and if it shall appear therefrom, that a majority of the electors present and voting for or against the proposed amendment to the constitution, as provided in the next section, have voted in favor of the same, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Ballots, how prepared.

SEC. 3. The ballot used at such election by electors voting in favor of this amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly printed and partly printed thereupon, the following words: "In favor of borrowing money for erection of public buildings—Yes." And the ballots used by such electors voting against said amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words: "In favor of borrowing money for erection of public buildings—No."

Approved March 4, 1871.

CHAPTER XX.

March 4, 1871.

An Act to prescribe the number of members who shall compose the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, and to apportion the representation in both Houses throughout the different sections of the State.

SECTION 1. Number of Senators and Representatives in new apportionment.

2. To be composed of forty-one (41) Senatorial and Representative Districts, to wit:

First District—One Senator and four Representatives.

Second District—One Senator and three Representatives.

Third District—One Senator and three Representatives.

Fourth District—One Senator and two Representatives.